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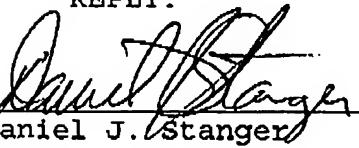
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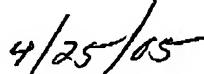
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Case Docket No. ASA-1062

In RE application of T. SASAKI et al

Serial No.: 10/073,312

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Filed: February 13, 2002

Examiner: M. Dimyan

For: DESIGN METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUITS  
(AS AMENDED)Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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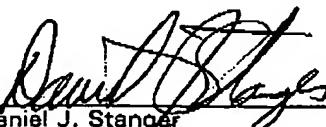
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ACHIEVING A MINIMUM MACHINE  
CYCLE FOR SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED  
CIRCUITS (AS AMENDED)

REPLY

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Sir:

In reply to the final rejection mailed August 25, 2004,  
and further to the Notice of Appeal filed February 25, 2005,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows.